

Galway (The Elms)  
North side of Rt. 22, .1 mile west  
of intersection of Rts. 22 and 636  
Gordonsville vicinity  
Green Springs Historic District  
Louisa County  
Virginia

HABS No. VA-1224

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Louisa	TOWN OR VICINITY Gordonsville vicinity; Green Springs Historic District
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Galway (National Register Nomination Form)		HABS NO. VA-1224
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Elms		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) North side of Rt. 22, .1 mile west of Intersection of Rt. 22 and Rt. 636.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) C. 1850 (National Register Nomination Form)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Galway is a manifestation of the strength of architectural traditions in the area while its blend of neoclassical and gothic ornamentation subtly evidence the changing taste of the mid-19th Century. The formality of the design, the proportions and the		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) See features below		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboarded frame dwelling over a fully raised brick basement (common bond) with asphalt shingles.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, measuring approximately 40' x 30' or three bays by one bay. The plan focuses upon a central hall, accessible by doorways on both front and rear elevations		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The principle facade is a symmetrical, formal composition focused upon a central bay which contains the main entrance with leaded glass transom and sidelights, a Tuscan porch topped by a balustrade, and a second-story window. Gothic Revival detailing of the facade includes the scalloped trim along the eaves and the label		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unable to view interior.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private residence in good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE There is a Smith family cemetery reserved on the property.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) 1. National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form 2. <u>Old Home Places of Louisa County</u> by Claudia Anderson Chisholm & Ellen Gray Lillie (See Bibliography)		
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SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

detailing of Galway reveal a degree of architectural sophistication. Designed as a private dwelling.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (Continued)

molding over the doorway and the central window of the second story. The dwelling has an almost flat hipped roof with small, twin central chimneys. Six-over-six sash windows.

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